

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert the section heading:

--1. Field of the Invention--

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--2. Discussion of the Related Art--

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the section heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 2, lines 5 - 20 as shown below:

--To achieve this ~~(object)~~ and other objects, the present invention provides a monolithic component of voltage-controlled triac type, formed in a substrate of a first conductivity type, including (a) first and (a) second vertical thyristors, a first main electrode of the first thyristor, on the front surface side of the component, corresponding to a first region of the first conductivity type formed in a first well of the second conductivity type, said first well corresponding to a first main electrode of the second thyristor, the first well containing a second region of the first conductivity type; and a pilot structure including, on the front surface side, above an extension of a second main electrode region of the second thyristor, a second well of the second conductivity type containing third and fourth regions of the first conductivity type, the third region and a portion of the second well being connected to a gate terminal, the fourth region being connected to the second region.--

On page 3, before the first line, please insert the section heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 3, between lines 11 and 12 please insert the section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 35 through page 7, line 3 as shown below:

--Fig. 5 is a simplified top view of an embodiment of a bidirectional switch according to the present invention. In this drawing, the same elements as in Fig. 1 will be designated with the same references. In the illustrated embodiment, well 16 forms an extension of well 5 which surrounds well 11.--

On page 7, on line 4, please insert:

-- Having thus described at least one illustrative embodiment of the invention, various alterations, modifications, and improvements will readily occur to those skilled in the art. Such alterations, modifications, and improvements are intended to be within and scope of the invention. Accordingly, the foregoing description is by way of example only and is not intended as limiting. The invention is limited only as defined in the following claims and the equivalents thereto.

What is claimed is: --